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Vice Chancellor's Message



It gives me immense pleasure to present the first edition of the Bongaigaon University Newsletter, since my joining on 1st August, 2025 till present, which reflects the vibrant academic, research, cultural and extension activities undertaken by our University. A university is not merely a centre for imparting knowledge; it is a space where ideas are nurtured, innovation is encouraged and responsible citizens are shaped. I am happy to note that our students, faculty members, officers and staff have continued to work with dedication and enthusiasm in achieving these ideals.

The achievements highlighted in this newsletter bear testimony to the collective efforts of our university community. From academic programmes and research initiatives to outreach activities, cultural events, sports and social responsibility campaigns, each endeavour demonstrates our commitment to excellence and holistic development.

As a young university, Bongaigaon University is steadily progressing towards becoming a centre of quality higher education in Assam. We remain committed to fostering an inclusive academic environment that promotes critical thinking, creativity, ethical values and sustainable development. I encourage our students to pursue knowledge with curiosity and integrity while contributing positively to society.

I congratulate everyone whose hard work and dedication have made these accomplishments possible. I also appreciate the editorial team for documenting the University's journey through this newsletter. I hope this publication will serve as a valuable record of our achievements and inspire us to strive for greater excellence in the years ahead.

I extend my best wishes to all our students, faculty members, officers, staff, alumni and well-wishers for their continued success and cooperation in taking Bongaigaon University to a greater height.

Prof. Taranee Deka
Vice Chancellor
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Editorial

It is with great pride and pleasure that we present this first edition of the Bongaigaon University Newsletter, highlighting the University's activities and achievements from August 2025 to July 2026. Every milestone we have reached reflects our shared commitment to building a University that values academic excellence, innovation, inclusivity and service to society.

Over the past year, Bongaigaon University has made significant strides in strengthening its academic and institutional foundations. The appointment of the first Vice Chancellor, the constitution of important statutory bodies such as the Academic Council, Executive Council and the successful conduct of the University's first Postgraduate Entrance Test (BUPET-2026) marked important steps in establishing a strong system of academic governance. Furthermore, the celebration of the first University Week, the inauguration of the Centre for Koch Rajbongshi Studies and the completion of the Academic and Administrative Audit further enriched the University's journey and reinforced its vision for growth.

Beyond academics, the University has continued to nurture a campus culture rooted in inclusion, social responsibility and respect for diversity. Observances of Constitution Day, International Women's Day, World AIDS Day, Armed Forces Flag Day, National Librarians' Day and other important occasions inspired meaningful conversations on constitutional values, gender equality, public health, patriotism, and lifelong learning. None of these achievements would have been possible without the collective efforts of many individuals and institutions.

As you read this newsletter, we hope you will see more than a record of events. It is a reflection of the collective journey of a young University that is steadily finding its voice, embracing new opportunities and striving to make a meaningful contribution to higher education and society. While we take pride in what we have accomplished, we also look ahead with optimism and determination. Together, we remain committed to creating knowledge, nurturing talent and building an institution that will continue to inspire generations to come.

— **Editorial Team**

Prof. Taranee Deka assumes charge as the First Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University

A significant milestone in the history of Bongaigaon University was marked on 1st August, 2025, when Prof. Taranee Deka formally assumed charge as the first Vice Chancellor of the University. Prior to his appointment, Prof. Taranee Deka served as Professor in the Department of Assamese, Gauhati University.

The assumption of Office by the inaugural Vice Chancellor marked the beginning of a new chapter for Bongaigaon University, which was recently upgraded from Bongaigaon College to a State University. His appointment and formal joining laid the foundation for the University's academic and administrative journey, ushering in a new era of higher education in the region.

The occasion was a moment of immense pride for the University community, reflecting its commitment to academic excellence, institutional development and the pursuit of quality education under the visionary leadership of its first Vice Chancellor.



National Librarians' Day celebrated at Central Library

The Central Library, Bongaigaon University celebrated National Librarians' Day in commemoration of the 133rd birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India on 12th August, 2025. The programme paid tribute to Dr. Ranganathan's pioneering contributions to library science and recognised the vital role of libraries in advancing teaching, learning, and research.

The commemorative programme was graced by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University and Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar, along with faculty members, students, and library professionals. The speakers highlighted Dr. Ranganathan's enduring legacy, particularly his Five Laws of Library Science, which continue to guide modern library services and information management.



Hosted by Ms. Kakoli Goswami, Librarian of the Central Library, the observance reaffirmed the University's commitment to promoting a vibrant reading culture, strengthening library services and fostering knowledge dissemination through modern and accessible learning resources. The programme also served as an occasion to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of librarians in supporting academic excellence and lifelong learning within the University community.

79th Independence Day Celebrated with Patriotic Fervour

Bongaigaon University celebrated the 79th Independence Day on 15th August, 2025 with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The programme was organised by Dr. Rupnath Owar, Director of Students' Welfare (i/c) which brought together students, faculty members, staff and distinguished members of the community to commemorate the nation's Independence and reaffirm the values of unity, democracy and national service.

The National Flag was unfurled by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, in the presence of Shri B. P. Sharma, Controller of Examinations (i/c). In his address, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the significance of Independence Day and encouraged the University community to contribute towards nation-building through knowledge, integrity and social responsibility. The programme was also addressed by Shri Gopeswar Talukdar, former President of the Governing Body of Bongaigaon College, Shri Pradip Kumar Goswami, Head of the Department of Economics and noted social worker Shri Basanta Choudhury.



As part of the celebrations, the University also organised a campus cleanliness drive involving students, faculty members and non-teaching staff. The initiative reflected the University's commitment to environmental responsibility and civic consciousness.

Interactive Session on “Antaranga Alap” organised by the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication

An interactive session called “Antaranga Alap” on Literature, Journalism, Society and Culture was organised at the Conference Hall of Bongaigaon University on 30th August, 2025. The programme was organised by the leading Assamese daily Amar Asom in collaboration with the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, Bongaigaon University.

The session featured Shri Manoj Kumar Goswami, Editor-in-Chief of Amar Asom, eminent short story writer and recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Award, who shared his insights on the evolving relationship between literature, journalism, society and culture. The interaction offered participants a valuable opportunity to engage with one of Assam's distinguished literary and media personalities.

The programme was graced by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar of the University, attended as the Guest of Honour. Moderated by Dr. Pulakesh Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, the event was attended by faculty members, students, journalists representing various media organisations and eminent citizens, making it a vibrant forum for intellectual exchange and dialogue.



Freshers' Social organised at Bongaigaon University

Bongaigaon University organised its first Freshers' Social on 10th September, 2025 under the supervision of Dr. Rupnath Owary, Director of Students' Welfare, (i/c) to warmly welcome the newly admitted undergraduate and postgraduate students following the University's upgradation from Bongaigaon College to a State University. The programme was held on the University campus in a vibrant atmosphere, bringing together students, faculty members and University officials.

In this connection an open session was presided over by Dr. Owary where Prof. Prahlad Joshi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, attended the programme as the Chief Guest, while Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour, and Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar, attended as the Special Guest. In his address, Prof. Joshi highlighted the role of University Week in nurturing students' hidden talents through literary, cultural, sports and creative activities, while strengthening the bond between students and teachers.

The week-long celebration concluded with a vibrant cultural programme featuring a musical performance by renowned Assamese singer Rajshri Saikia, bringing the inaugural University Week to a memorable close.



Bongaigaon University hosts interactive meeting with Japanese Delegation.

Bongaigaon University organised an interactive meeting with delegates from the Japan Education Centre and Information Foundation on 11th September, 2025, emphasising international academic engagement and cross-cultural exchange. The programme was organised jointly by the Department of Commerce and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the University.

The meeting served as a valuable platform for meaningful dialogue between the Japanese delegation and members of the University community. Discussions centred on exploring opportunities for academic collaboration, cultural exchange and strengthening institutional ties between Bongaigaon University and Japanese educational organisations.

Faculty members, students, and officials of the University actively participated in the



interaction, exchanging ideas on global educational practices and avenues for future cooperation. The programme reflected the University's growing emphasis on internationalisation and its commitment to creating opportunities for global academic exposure and collaborative learning.

The event marked another significant step in Bongaigaon University's efforts to broaden its international outreach and promote cross-cultural understanding through academic partnerships.

First General Election of the Postgraduate Students' Union Conducted Successfully

Bongaigaon University successfully conducted the first General Election of the Bongaigaon University Postgraduate Students' Union (BUPGSU) on 17th October, 2025, marking a historic milestone in the University's democratic and student governance process. The election was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Rupnath Owar, Director of Students' Welfare, (i/c) which witnessed peaceful polling and enthusiastic participation from the student community.

Students from the Higher Secondary, Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes exercised their franchise to elect representatives to 15 portfolios of the Students' Union. Shri Bimalendu Kumar Ghosh was elected as the President while Shri Rudramoni Ray was elected as the General Secretary of the Union.



Addressing the newly elected representatives, Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, urged them to work collectively for the academic and overall development of the University while upholding the ideals of responsible student leadership. Dr. Rahin Chandra Das, Returning Officer, formally announced the election results and appreciated the cooperation extended by students and all stakeholders in ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of the University's first Students' Union election.

Teachers' Training Programme on Research Mentoring under NEP 2020 organised

A two-day Teachers' Training Programme on "Mentoring Cutting Edge Research in the Light of NEP 2020" was organised at Bongaigaon University from 24th to 25th October, 2025. Sponsored by RUSA 2.0/PM-USHA Assam, the programme was jointly organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Bongaigaon University, in collaboration with the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Gauhati University.

The training programme aimed to equip faculty members with contemporary approaches to research mentorship in alignment with the vision and objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Through expert deliberations and interactive sessions, participants explored emerging research methodologies, interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation and strategies for fostering a robust research ecosystem in higher education institutions.

The programme witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 128 faculty members from diverse disciplines, including Science, Technology, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce and Management. The multidisciplinary representation reflected the University's commitment to promoting collaborative research and academic excellence in accordance with the transformative vision of NEP 2020.



Hon'ble Education Minister visits Bongaigaon University

On 29th October, 2025, the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of Assam, Dr. Ranaj Pegu, visited Bongaigaon University and reviewed the academic and administrative progress of the newly established University. The programme was held at the Conference Hall, Bongaigaon University, reflecting the State Government's commitment to fostering the institution's growth and strengthening higher education in the region.

During the visit, Dr. Ranaj Pegu interacted with the University's faculty members, students and administrative staff and participated in an interactive session with the Principals of colleges affiliated with Bongaigaon University. The deliberations focused on the University's developmental initiatives, academic aspirations and future roadmap, providing a valuable platform for constructive dialogue among stakeholders.



The programme was also attended by Shri Phani Bhusan Choudhury, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Barpeta Lok Sabha Constituency and Smt. Dipti Mayee Choudhury, Hon'ble MLA, Bongaigaon Legislative Assembly Constituency. Their presence reaffirmed the collective commitment of the Government and public representatives towards supporting Bongaigaon University in its pursuit of academic excellence and institutional development.

Bongaigaon University conducts Academic and Administrative Audit

Bongaigaon University conducted its Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) on 3rd November, 2025 to evaluate the performance and progress of its academic departments and strengthen quality assurance in teaching, research and institutional governance. The audit reviewed departmental activities, including curriculum implementation, student learning outcomes, faculty performance, research initiatives and stakeholder engagement.



The audit was led by Prof. Mridul Hazarika, former Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University and Prof. Ratul Mahanta, Head of the Department of Economics, Gauhati University. Departments presented their academic achievements, best practices and future plans followed by constructive interactions with the audit team. The experts appreciated the University's efforts towards academic excellence, extension activities and the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, highlighted the importance of regular academic and administrative audits in fostering a culture of quality, transparency and continuous improvement. The audit, coordinated by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) under the leadership of Dr. Rahin Chandra Das, Director (i/c), concluded with valuable recommendations aimed at strengthening research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and institutional development.

Bongaigaon University pays tribute to Zubeen Garg

Bongaigaon University organised a memorial programme on 6th November, 2025 to pay tribute to the legendary Assamese singer Zubeen Garg, celebrating his enduring contributions to music, culture and Assamese identity. The programme was organised under the aegis of the Cultural Cell of the University.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, who reflected on Zubeen Garg's extraordinary artistic legacy and his role in taking Assamese music to national and international audiences. The Chief Guest, eminent lyricist, composer and journalist Shri Gautam Sharma, shared personal memories of his association with the late artist and highlighted the cultural significance of his musical journey. The programme was also graced by Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar of the University, while Shri Hemanta Goswami, a devoted admirer of the artist, spoke on the profound emotional bond Zubeen Garg's music continues to create among listeners.

The memorial featured a series of cultural performances by students and faculty members, including musical renditions, dance performances and recitations dedicated to the legendary artist. The programme concluded with a collective rendition of "Mayabini", creating a moving tribute that celebrated the timeless legacy of one of Assam's most cherished musical icons.



Celebration of 74th Inception Day of Bodo Sahitya Sabha & 32nd Inception Day of Bongaigaon University Bodo Literary Society

The Department of Bodo, Bongaigaon University, celebrated the 74th Inception Day of the Bodo Sahitya Sabha and the 32nd Inception Day of the Bongaigaon University Bodo Literary Society on 16th November, 2025 with enthusiasm and cultural fervour. The programme commenced with the ceremonial hoisting of the Bodo Literary Society's flag by Shri Bandhura Brahman, President of the Bongaigaon University Bodo Literary Society.

In this connection an open session was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Bandhura Brahman. The open session was inaugurated by Dr. Rupnath Owar, Head of the Department of Bodo, and was graced by Shri Raja Debojit Basumatary as the Chief Guest. The speakers highlighted the invaluable contributions of the Bodo Sahitya Sabha towards the promotion of the Bodo language, literature and culture, while encouraging students to preserve and enrich the community's literary heritage.



Faculty members, students, and members of the Bodo Literary Society participated in the celebration, making the programme a meaningful tribute to the rich literary and cultural traditions of the Bodo community.

Bongaigaon University organised an Anti-Drug awareness programme

Bongaigaon University organised an awareness programme on drug abuse on 17th November, 2025 as part of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan initiated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. The programme was jointly organised by the Office of the Director of Students' Welfare and the Bongaigaon District De-addiction Centre with the objective of promoting a drug-free and healthy campus.

The programme was chaired by Dr. Rupnath Ovary, Director of Students' Welfare (i/c) and inaugurated by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University. In his inaugural address, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the growing social concern of substance abuse and urged students to stay away from drugs while contributing to the creation of a healthy and responsible society.

Resource person Shri Bappi Nath, Manager of the Bongaigaon District De-addiction Centre, delivered an informative session on the harmful effects of drug addiction on physical and mental health.



Using audio-visual presentations, he created awareness among students about preventive measures and emphasised the importance of collective efforts in building a drug-free society. The programme concluded with an appeal to the students to act as ambassadors of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and promote awareness within the wider community.

Singing Competition Commemorates the 53rd Birth Anniversary of Zubeen Garg

The Postgraduate Students' Union of Bongaigaon University organised a singing competition on 18th November, 2025 to commemorate the 53rd Birth Anniversary of the renowned Assamese singer, Zubeen Garg. The event aimed to pay tribute to the musical icon while providing a platform for students to showcase their vocal talent and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Assam.

The programme was inaugurated by the Registrar, Bongaigaon University, who emphasised the significance of cultural activities in fostering creativity, confidence, and holistic development among students. He also encouraged students to actively participate in such events to strengthen their connection with the cultural traditions of the region.

The competition was judged by Smt. Somadrita Singha, a renowned singer from Bongaigaon district; Smt. Rita Goswami, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Bongaigaon University; and Ms. Sheroshi Saha, Teaching Associate, Department of English, Bongaigaon University. The judges appreciated the participants for their musical talent and commended the high standard of performances displayed throughout the competition.



Workshop on Artificial Intelligence organised for Journalism and Mass Communication Students

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Bongaigaon University, organised a virtual workshop on Artificial Intelligence under the AI for Digital Readiness & Advancement (ADiRA) initiative on 21st November, 2025. The programme formed part of the AI Opportunity Fund: Asia-Pacific, implemented by AVPN with support from Google.org and the Asian Development Bank, with the objective of equipping students with industry-relevant AI competencies.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University. The keynote sessions were delivered by Prof. Manash Pratim Goswami, Professor and Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, a distinguished academician in the field of media education. He highlighted the transformative role of artificial intelligence in journalism, digital media and communication, while demonstrating practical applications of AI tools in contemporary media practices.



Students of the Department actively participated in the workshop and gained hands-on exposure to AI-driven tools and techniques aimed at enhancing productivity, efficiency, creativity and informed decision-making.

Workshop on Business Plan Development and Presentation organised by EDC

The Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC), Bongaigaon University, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Business Administration (BBA), organised a One-Day Workshop on Business Plan Development and Presentation on 21st November, 2025. The programme was sponsored by the North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong, with the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, serving as the nodal agency.

The workshop was designed to enhance entrepreneurial skills among students by introducing them to the fundamentals of business planning, innovation, and effective presentation strategies. Through expert-led sessions, participants gained practical insights into developing viable business ideas and translating them into structured business plans.

The technical sessions were conducted by Shri Bhaskar Jyoti Deka, Assistant Manager, District Industries and Commerce Centre (DICC), Bongaigaon, and Shri Swagat Gogoi, Senior Executive, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati. The programme was also graced by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, whose presence encouraged participants to pursue innovation and entrepreneurship as key drivers of sustainable economic and social development.



Constitution Day organised by the Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science, Bongaigaon University, celebrated Constitution Day on 26th November, 2025 to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India and to reaffirm the values of democracy, justice, equality and constitutional governance.

The programme was attended by Dr. Karabi Saikia, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Shri B. P. Sharma, Head of the Department of Political Science, faculty members and students of the Department. The speakers highlighted the significance of the Constitution as the guiding framework of the world's largest democracy and emphasised the importance of upholding constitutional values and civic responsibilities in contemporary society.

As part of the observance, the Department screened the documentary Humara Samvidhan, providing participants with valuable insights into the making of the Indian Constitution, its fundamental principles and its enduring relevance. The programme served as an enriching academic initiative, encouraging students to develop a deeper understanding of the Constitution and its pivotal role in shaping the democratic ethos of the nation.



World AIDS Day observed with Awareness Programme



Bongaigaon University observed World AIDS Day on 1st December, 2025 by organising an HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme at the University's hostel premises. The programme was held under the Supervision & Chairmanship of Dr. Rupnath Ouary, Director of Students' Welfare (i/c) with the objective of promoting awareness about HIV/AIDS and encouraging informed and responsible health practices among students.

The programme was graced by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, along with Shri Bappi Nath, HIV/AIDS expert, Shri Bijoy Boro, Associate Professor, Dr. Ripunjay Bezbaruah, Associate Professor and Dr. Imdadul Haque, Assistant Professor.

The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. In his address, Prof. Taranee Deka emphasised the vital role of education in creating awareness about HIV/AIDS and eliminating misconceptions and social stigma associated with the disease. Delivering the keynote session, Shri Bappi Nath sensitised the hostel residents to various aspects of HIV/AIDS, including modes of transmission, preventive measures and the importance of early awareness and responsible health behaviour. The programme served as a meaningful initiative in promoting health education and social responsibility among the University community.

Armed Forces Flag Day observed at Bongaigaon University

Bongaigaon University observed Armed Forces Flag Day on 7th December, 2025 to honour the dedication, courage, and selfless service of the nation's armed forces. Organised by the Office of the Director of Students' Welfare, the programme paid tribute to retired servicemen from the greater Bongaigaon region for their invaluable contribution to the country.

The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and was presided over by Dr. Rupnath Owary, Director of Students' Welfare (i/c). The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar of Bongaigaon University, who highlighted the significance of recognising the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty and security.

As part of the programme, the University felicitated four retired servicemen—Shri Krishnakanta Barman, Shri Santeswar Roy, Shri Dibakar Kalita and Shri Ananda Prasad Singh—in recognition of their dedicated service to the nation. The observance served as a solemn expression of gratitude and patriotism, inspiring students and members of the University community to appreciate the values of duty, courage, and national service.



76th Republic Day Celebrated; Cleanliness and Tree Plantation Drive Organised

Bongaigaon University celebrated the 76th Republic Day on 26th January, 2026 under the initiative of Dr. Rupnath Owary, Director of Students' Welfare (i/c) with patriotic zeal and active participation from students, faculty members, alumni and distinguished guests. The programme highlighted the ideals of the Constitution and the collective responsibility of citizens towards nation-building.

The National Flag was unfurled by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, in the presence of Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar. In his address, the Vice Chancellor reflected on the significance of Republic Day and emphasised the importance of constitutional values, democratic principles, and civic responsibility. The programme was also addressed by Dr. Dinesh Das, Dr. Rupanjali Devi and Shri Gokul Kalita, who spoke on the importance of preserving the ideals of the Republic.



In connection with the Republic Day celebrations, the University organised a campus cleanliness and tree plantation drive on 24th January, 2026 under the initiative of the Office of the Director of Students' Welfare. The programme witnessed active participation from students and faculty members, reaffirming the University's commitment to environmental sustainability, community

participation, and the creation of a clean and green campus.

Bongaigaon University celebrates its First University Week

Under the supervision of Dr. Rupnath Owary, Director of Students' Welfare (i/c), the Bongaigaon University celebrated its first-ever University Week from 28th January to 1st February, 2026, marking a historic milestone in the University's journey following its recent upgradation to a State University. The celebrations commenced with a cleanliness drive and plantation programme on 24th January, 2026, organised by the Bongaigaon University Postgraduate Students' Union as a prelude to the event. The formal inauguration of the University Week took place on 28th January, with the ceremonial hoisting of the University flag by Dr. Rupnath Owary.

One of the major highlights of the celebration was a colourful cultural procession held on 1st February, inaugurated by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University. Students from various academic departments participated in the cultural procession.

The concluding ceremony featured an open session presided over by the Director of Students' Welfare. Prof. Prahlad Joshi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, attended the programme as the Chief Guest, while Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour, and Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar, attended as the Special Guest.



National Seminar on “Indian Society and Women” Organised by the Department of English

The Department of English, Bongaigaon University, organised a two-day National Seminar on 30–31st January, 2026 on the theme “Indian Society and Women: Perspectives on Past, Present and Future.” Sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research – North Eastern Regional Centre (ICSSR–NERC), Shillong, the seminar provided a vibrant platform for scholarly deliberations on the evolving position of women in Indian society from historical, contemporary, and future perspectives.

The inaugural session featured the Keynote Address by Dr. Chandrima Sen, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Bodoland University and a Special Talk by Shri Dhriyoti Kalita, Assistant Professor, Department of English Studies, Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan, and Doctoral Scholar at the University of Minnesota, USA. Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar of Bongaigaon University, also addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of academic dialogue on issues relating to gender and social transformation.

The seminar brought together scholars and researchers from Assam and various parts of the country, who presented papers on diverse aspects of women's experiences and representation in Indian society.



International Mother Language Day celebrated at Bongaigaon University

The Faculty of Languages, Bongaigaon University, celebrated International Mother Language Day on 20th February, 2026 with active participation from the Departments of Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, English and Hindi. The programme highlighted the significance of linguistic diversity, multilingualism and the preservation of mother languages as an integral part of cultural heritage.

Faculty members from the participating departments shared their thoughts on the importance of mother languages in preserving cultural identity, fostering creativity and strengthening social cohesion. They encouraged students to value their native languages while embracing multilingualism as a means of promoting mutual understanding and national integration.

The programme featured a series of literary and cultural presentations, including poetry recitations, speeches, readings of literary works, and performances in Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Hindi and English. The vibrant performances reflected the rich linguistic and cultural traditions of the region and showcased the University's commitment to nurturing an inclusive academic environment where diverse languages and cultures are celebrated.



International Women's Day celebrated at Bongaigaon University

Bongaigaon University celebrated International Women's Day on 10th March, 2026 at the University Conference Hall with a programme dedicated to recognising the achievements, leadership and contributions of women across diverse fields. The event was organised by the Women's Cell in collaboration with the Indian Knowledge System (IKS), Bongaigaon University.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, who highlighted the importance of gender equality, women's empowerment and inclusive participation in nation-building and higher education. The event brought together several distinguished women personalities from Bongaigaon, including Smt. Dipti Mayee Choudhury, Hon'ble MLA, Bongaigaon Legislative Assembly Constituency, Dr. Nitumoni Kalita, Smt. Manjula Choudhury, Smt. Bani Baruah, and Dr. Rupanjali Devi, who shared their experiences and perspectives on women's leadership, social responsibility, and empowerment.

The programme was hosted by Dr. Chandana Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Assamese, and was attended by Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar of Bongaigaon University, along with faculty members, non-teaching staff, and students. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Karabi Saikia, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy.



Bongaigaon University inaugurates Centre for Koch Rajbongshi Studies



Bongaigaon University achieved a significant milestone in its academic journey with the inauguration of the Centre for Koch Rajbongshi Studies on 13th March, 2026. Established in collaboration with the Kamatapur Autonomous Council (KAC) and the All-Koch Rajbongshi Students' Union (AKRSU), the Centre has been conceived as a dedicated academic platform for the study, preservation, and promotion of the history, language, culture, folklore and socio-political heritage of the Koch Rajbongshi community.

The Centre was formally inaugurated by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, in the presence of eminent academicians, public representatives, and members of various social organisations. In his inaugural address, Prof. Taranee Deka described the establishment of the Centre as a landmark initiative that would promote interdisciplinary research, encourage scholarly engagement and contribute to the preservation and documentation of the rich cultural heritage of the Koch Rajbongshi Community.

The inaugural programme was graced by Smt. Dipti Mayee Choudhury, Hon'ble MLA, Bongaigaon Legislative Assembly Constituency, and Shri Dibakar Nath, IAS, District Commissioner of Bongaigaon, who assured the University's academic community of continued institutional support for the Centre's future activities. The programme was also attended by Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar of Bongaigaon University; Shri Sudhir Ch. Roy, In-charge of Education, KAC; office-bearers and advisers of the AKRSU, along with faculty members, students, and invited guests from different parts of the State.

The occasion also featured vibrant cultural performances showcasing the artistic traditions of the Koch Rajbongshi community, adding a cultural dimension to the academic event. With the establishment of the Centre, Bongaigaon University has reaffirmed its commitment to promoting regionally grounded and inclusive research, while creating new opportunities for interdisciplinary scholarship, academic publications, seminars, conferences and community engagement.

Birjhora Mahavidyalaya becomes Constituent College of the Bongaigaon University

In a landmark development for higher education in Lower Assam, the Government of Assam has officially recognised the prestigious Birjhora Mahavidyalaya as a Constituent College of Bongaigaon University on 14th March, 2026. The event featured Prof. Taranee Deka, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, as the guest of honour. During an engaging interaction with the media, Prof. Deka shared his inspiring vision for the future of higher education in the Bongaigaon district and surrounding regions. He emphasised that this



integration would elevate academic standards and provide students with enhanced opportunities for research and specialised learning. The conference was chaired by Dr. Chinmoy Bhattacharjee, Principal of Birjhora Mahavidyalaya, who reflected on the college's dedicated journey toward achieving this prestigious status. He expressed his gratitude to the faculty, students, and the state government for their unwavering support in reaching this milestone. Adding to the historical context, Shri T.K. Choudhury, President of the Governing Body, Birjhora Mahavidyalaya, delivered a moving speech detailing the history of the college's inception and its steady development to reach its current esteemed position. Other notable dignitaries in attendance included: The Director, IQAC, Bongaigaon University, Dr. Banajit Sharma, Dean (i/c), Faculty of Social Sciences, Bongaigaon University and Shri Pradip Kr. Goswami, Retd. Associate Prof., Bongaigaon University. The transition of Birjhora Mahavidyalaya into a constituent college is expected to act as a catalyst for academic excellence, further solidifying Bongaigaon's position as a rising hub for higher education in Assam.

Awareness Talk on Shaheedi Diwas and the Legacy of Vande Mataram Organised

Bongaigaon University organised an awareness talk on “The Ideals of Sacrifice associated with Shaheedi Diwas and the History and Legacy of Vande Mataram” at the University Conference Hall on 30th March, 2026 commemorating the spirit of patriotism, sacrifice and national unity.

The programme was chaired by Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar of Bongaigaon University and



was graced by Dr. Chinmoy Bhattacharjee, Principal of Birjhora Mahavidyalaya, Dr. Basanta Das, Principal of Birjhora Kanya Mahavidyalaya, and Dr. Hemanta Saud, Coordinator, KKHSOU, Birjhora Mahavidyalaya Study Centre. The speakers reflected on the historical significance of Shaheedi Diwas, the sacrifices made by India's freedom fighters, and the enduring legacy of Vande Mataram as a symbol of national awakening and unity.

E-Library Installation Programme Organised at Bongaigaon University

The Central Library, Bongaigaon University, in collaboration with the Sadu Asom Lekhika Samaroh Samiti, organised an E-Library Installation Programme on 13th May, 2026, marking a significant step towards strengthening digital access to Assamese literary resources and promoting technology-enabled learning.

The programme was graced by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he highlighted the growing importance of digital libraries in higher education and underscored their role in enhancing accessibility, research, and the preservation of literary heritage in the digital age.

A key highlight of the programme was the launch and demonstration of the 'Tratri' E-Library by Shri Trideep Baruah, Director of the Tratri Group, who introduced its features and explained how the platform would facilitate access to a rich repository of Assamese literary works. The programme was attended by the Vice President and members of the Sadu Asom

Lekhika Samaroh Samiti, Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar of Bongaigaon University, faculty members, students and library professionals.

The initiative reflects Bongaigaon University's commitment to integrating digital technologies into academic learning and research while creating greater opportunities for students and scholars to explore and engage with the rich legacy of Assamese literature.



Orientation Program on TB Mukht Bharat

The NSS Unit of Bongaigaon University organised an Orientation Programme on TB Mukht Bharat on 14th May, 2026 to create awareness about tuberculosis and support the national mission of a TB-free India.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, who spoke on the causes, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis. Dr. Rupnath Owar, Director of Students' Welfare (i/c), highlighted the importance of health awareness among students.

Shri Khanindra Patgiri, District PPM Coordinator, and Ms. Chayanika Kalita, District Lead, KHPT, served as resource persons and delivered sessions on the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, government initiatives and the importance of timely diagnosis and treatment. Students and NSS volunteers participated enthusiastically in the programme.



One Day Swacchata workshop & Cleanliness drive on single plastic use

The NSS Unit of Bongaigaon University organised a one-day Swachhata Workshop and Cleanliness Drive on Single-Use Plastic on 22nd May, 2026 at the University campus with the objective of creating awareness about the harmful effects of single-use plastic and promoting sustainable environmental practices.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, who spoke on the advantages and disadvantages of plastic use, with particular emphasis on the environmental hazards posed by single-use plastics. He encouraged students and participants to adopt eco-friendly alternatives and actively contribute towards a cleaner and greener environment.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Rupnath Owar, Director of Students' Welfare (i/c). Shri D. Cartiguane, Regional Director, NSS, North Eastern Region, Guwahati, and Shri Nakul Chandra Deuri, Senior Youth Officer, NSS, North Eastern Region, Guwahati, attended the programme as resource persons.



National Seminar on Bodo Literary Magazines and “Meet the Author” Organised by the Department of Bodo

The Department of Bodo, Bongaigaon University, in collaboration with the Sahitya Akademi, Eastern Regional Office, Kolkata, and the Bodo Department Teachers' Association (B.D.T.A.), organised a National Seminar on “Literary Magazines in Bodo Language” along with a “Meet the Author” programme on 30th May, 2026 at the University Conference Hall.

The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the distinguished guests. Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, presided over the inaugural session. Dr. Devendra Kumar Devesh, Regional Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, Eastern Region, Kolkata, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the Akademi's initiatives in promoting Indian languages and literature. Dr. Rupnath Owar, HoD, Department of Bodo cum President of B.D.T.A. delivered keynote address in the meeting. The programme was also graced by Dr. Bijitgiri Basumatary, Member, Bodo Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Taranee Deka emphasised the importance of preserving and

disseminating knowledge through language and literature, while underscoring the vital role of literary magazines in nurturing creative expression and documenting the cultural heritage of the Bodo community. The seminar brought together scholars, writers, teachers and students, providing an enriching platform for academic discussions on Bodo literature and fostering meaningful interaction between authors and readers.



World Environment Day Observed at Bongaigaon University

Bongaigaon University observed World Environment Day on 5th June, 2026 with a series of awareness activities aimed at promoting environmental conservation and sustainable living. The programme was organised by the Office of the Director of Students' Welfare (DSW) and the NSS Unit, in collaboration with the Students for Development (SFD), Bongaigaon University Unit.

The programme was graced by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Rupnath Owary, Director of Students' Welfare (i/c) coordinated the observance. In his address, the Vice Chancellor emphasised the importance of environmental stewardship and highlighted the urgent need to protect natural resources in the face of growing environmental challenges. He encouraged students to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives and actively contribute towards building a greener, cleaner and healthier future.



As part of the observance, participants reaffirmed their commitment to environmental protection through awareness initiatives and discussions on the importance of conserving biodiversity, reducing pollution and promoting eco-friendly practices. The programme also inspired students to become responsible citizens and active contributors to environmental sustainability.

Bongaigaon University felicitates newly elected MLA Smt. Dipti Mayee Choudhury

Bongaigaon University felicitated Smt. Dipti Mayee Choudhury, the newly elected MLA of the 18-Bongaigaon Legislative Assembly Constituency, at a special programme held on the University campus on 9th June, 2026. The programme was organised to extend the University's heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected public representative.

The felicitation ceremony was chaired by Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Bongaigaon University, who congratulated Smt. Choudhury on her electoral success and expressed confidence that her leadership would contribute significantly to the welfare and development of the region. The programme was attended by Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar of the University, Dr. Rupanjali Devi, Member of the Executive Council, faculty members, non-teaching staff and representatives of the Postgraduate Students' Union.

On behalf of the entire Bongaigaon University fraternity, the Vice Chancellor conveyed warm felicitations and extended best wishes to Smt. Dipti Mayee Choudhury for a successful tenure in public service. The programme reflected the University's commitment to fostering meaningful engagement with public institutions and strengthening its relationship with the wider community.



International Yoga Day Celebrated at Bongaigaon University

Bongaigaon University celebrated International Yoga Day on 21st June, 2026. The programme was jointly organised by the Office of the Director of Students' Welfare (DSW), NSS Unit, Bongaigaon University Teachers' Association and the Bongaigaon University Postgraduate Students' Union (BUPGSU).

The programme was graced by Dr. Rupnath Ouary, Director of Students' Welfare (i/c), while Shri Prabir Chanda, Yoga Instructor, conducted a practical session on yoga and breathing techniques.



First Meeting of the Academic Council of Bongaigaon University

Bongaigaon University marked a significant milestone in its academic journey with the first meeting of the Academic Council held on 22nd June, 2026 under the chairmanship of Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The meeting laid the foundation for strengthening the University's academic governance and shaping its future academic policies.

The meeting was attended by eminent academicians Prof. Mridul Hazarika, former Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University, and Prof. Parag Phukon, Department of Geological Sciences, Gauhati University, while Prof. Ayekpam Ibemcha Chanu, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, Bodoland University, participated virtually. Also present were Dr. Padumi Singha, Academic Registrar (i/c), Faculty Deans, Heads of Departments, the University Librarian, and Dr. Chinmoy Bhattacharjee, Principal of Birjhora Mahavidyalaya, the Science Campus of Bongaigaon University.



Welcoming the members, Dr. Padumi Singha Academic Registrar (i/c) briefed the pivotal role of the Academic Council in promoting academic quality and institutional excellence. The Council deliberated on and approved several key academic resolutions for the 2025–26 academic session, including the implementation of undergraduate programmes under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and postgraduate programmes under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in the

Faculties of Arts and Commerce. It also approved the constitution of the respective Boards of Studies and resolved to introduce all postgraduate programmes under the NEP framework from the 2026–27 academic session, with admissions through an entrance examination.

The Council further considered proposals relating to the introduction of undergraduate and postgraduate Science programmes at Birjhora Mahavidyalaya, the preparation of expert panels, and the introduction of Ph.D. programmes in eligible departments. The valuable suggestions offered by the invited academic experts enriched the deliberations. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Banajit Sharma, Dean (i/c), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, marking the beginning of a robust academic governance framework for the University's continued growth and development.

Bongaigaon University successfully Conducts First-Ever BUPET-2026

Bongaigaon University achieved a landmark milestone with the successful conduct of the first-ever Bongaigaon University Postgraduate Entrance Test (BUPET)-2026 on 27th June, 2026 for admission to its various postgraduate programmes and those offered by its Constituent College, Birjhora Mahavidyalaya, for the Academic Session 2026–27.

The entrance examination witnessed an enthusiastic response from aspiring students, with an impressive turnout of candidates seeking admission to the University's academic programmes. The smooth and successful conduct of the examination reflected the University's commitment to maintaining transparency, fairness, and excellence in the admission process while ensuring a conducive environment for all candidates.



As the University's first centrally conducted postgraduate entrance examination, BUPET-2026 marked the beginning of a new chapter in Bongaigaon University's academic journey. The introduction of a common entrance test is expected to strengthen the quality of postgraduate education by facilitating a merit-based admission process and attracting talented students from across the region. The successful conduct of BUPET-2026 stands as another significant milestone in the University's steady progress towards becoming a centre of academic excellence, innovation, and inclusive higher education.

Bongaigaon University Participates in North East NSS Festival 2026

Bongaigaon University participated in the North East NSS Festival 2026, held at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, from 23rd to 27th July, 2026. The festival brought together National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers from across the North Eastern region, providing a platform to promote leadership, teamwork, cultural exchange and the spirit of community service.

A contingent of ten NSS volunteers represented the University. The participants were Shri Rudramoni Ray, Shri Janak Biswakarma, Shri Amin Jyoti Deka, Shri Rahul Saha, Shri Khanin Chandra Ray, Ms. Banashree Medhi, Ms. Kohinur Khatun, Ms. Saribha Daimary, Ms. Niha Kalita, Ms. Snigdha Madhukalya. The team participated in various activities and events organised as part of the festival under the leadership of Shri Nichinta Nath, who served as the Teacher-in-Charge of the University contingent.

The University's participation in the festival provided the volunteers with valuable opportunities to interact with their peers from different institutions, showcase their talents and strengthen the ideals of social responsibility, national integration and youth leadership upheld by the National Service Scheme.



First Executive Council Meeting Held at Bongaigaon University



Bongaigaon University marked another significant milestone in its institutional journey with the successful convening of the First Executive Council Meeting on 28th July, 2026 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Taranee Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University.

The meeting signified the formal commencement of the functioning of the University's highest executive body, reflecting its commitment to transparent, participatory and effective institutional governance. The meeting was attended by Dr. Dinesh Das, Registrar, who served as the Member Secretary, Dr. Padumi Singha, Academic Registrar (i/c), Dr. Mrigen Das and Dr. Rupanjali Devi, Government Nominees, Smt. Mina Devi and Shri Mrinmoy Bhattacharjee, Alumni Members and Shri Bhabani Prasad Sharma and Dr. Jaba Thakuria, Teachers' Representatives. The members deliberated on a wide range of academic, administrative and developmental matters concerning the University.

Constructive discussions were held on strengthening institutional governance, enhancing academic quality, promoting administrative efficiency and laying a strong foundation for the University's future growth and development.

The first meeting of the Executive Council represents a landmark achievement in the University's governance framework and an important step in its institutional evolution. It reflects Bongaigaon University's steady progress towards establishing a robust, inclusive and accountable administrative structure capable of addressing the aspirations of its stakeholders. The successful constitution and functioning of the Executive Council further reaffirm the University's commitment to academic excellence, participatory decision-making, institutional transparency and sustainable growth, while paving the way for a vibrant and progressive higher education ecosystem.



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